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# REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

MAY 25, 1880.

SINCE the last Report, May 27, 1879, the Academy has received notice of the death of nine members, as follows: three Resident Fellows, William T. Andrews, Erastus B. Bigelow, and Thomas M. Brewer; four Associate Fellows, S. G. Arnold, H. C. Carey,\* Isaac Hays, and W. T. Roepper; two Foreign Honorary Members, J. C. Maxwell, and Viollette-Duc.

## RESIDENT FELLOWS.

### WILLIAM TURELL ANDREWS.

WILLIAM TURELL ANDREWS, A.M., the son of Ebenezer Turell and Hermione (Weld) Andrews, was born in Boston, December 24, 1794, and died there November 24, 1879, aged eighty-four years and eleven months. He entered Harvard College in 1808, when only thirteen years old, and graduated in course with such well-known men as Peleg Sprague, Edward Brooks, and Dr. John Homans. After leaving college, he began the study of the law, and entered the profession, but soon relinquished the practice of it, if indeed he had entered upon it. He was fond of retirement and of study, and devoted much of his leisure to the reading of the classics. He likewise filled many offices of trust. From 1853 to 1857 he was Treasurer of Harvard College. It is said that the salary voted to him he gave to the Plummer Professorship. He was a trustee of the McLean Asylum and Massachusetts General Hospital; a trustee of the Boston Public Library; a member of the Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society; a director of the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company; a director of the City Bank, and its President for many years. He was for a long period connected with the Provident Institution for Savings, as Secretary, Trustee, and Vice-President. He was also for many years a

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\* Notice in the next Report.

trustee of the Boston Athenæum. He served for six years as representative to the Massachusetts Legislature. In 1851 his father died, bequeathing him a large estate. Mr. Andrews left a widow, two sons, and three daughters, the eldest of whom married the late Dr. John B. S. Jackson, of this city. Mr. Andrews was a man of much kindness of disposition and great elegance of manners. For two years before his death he was afflicted with paralysis in his legs. He was elected a member of this Academy, November 11, 1857.

#### ERASTUS BRIGHAM BIGELOW.

DURING the past year the Academy has lost one of its most valued members by the death of Erastus Brigham Bigelow.

He had a genius for mechanics; his name will be remembered as one of the great inventors of his time, and as one who had a rare faculty in the application of science to the useful arts.

He combined in a marked degree the qualifications of a sagacious man of business with those of a skilful mechanic, and thereby succeeded in accumulating an ample fortune, the income of which was wisely spent. It may well be said of him that the dollars of his wealth measured the services he had rendered.

Mr. Bigelow took an active interest in the discussion of the social and political questions of his time, and has left many valuable records that will be of service to students when the financial history of the last quarter of a century is written.

He treated questions of business and of taxation with marked ability, and it remains for time to prove whether he was as successful in solving the vexed questions in these branches of social science as he was in perfecting the complex machinery with which his name is identified.

#### THOMAS MAYO BREWER.

THOMAS MAYO BREWER was born in Boston, November 21, 1814, and died, after a short illness, at his residence in that city, January 23, 1880. He graduated at Harvard College in 1835, and from the Harvard Medical School in 1838. Entering immediately upon the practice of his profession, he held for some years the position of Dispensary Physician at the North End. On abandoning the profession of medicine, he became one of the editors of the Boston Atlas, and continued his connection with the paper till it was merged in the Boston Traveller, attaining considerable distinction as a political